

St Patrick's Stawell, Immaculate Conception Ararat, St Francis of Assisi Landsborough and St Bernard's Lake Bolac form Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd.

We acknowledge recognise and respect the elders and families of the Barengi Gadjin and Eastern Maar people, the traditional owners of the land on which our parish gathers. We commit ourselves to walking in unity with our First Nations people.

**First Reading** [Is 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will  
say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.](#)

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)

4. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. (R.)

**Second Reading** [Rom 13:11-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up  
now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when  
we were converted. The night is almost over, it will  
be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we  
prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm  
ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently  
as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no  
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or  
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** [Ps 84:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Mt 24:37-44](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so  
will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those  
days before the Flood people were eating, drinking,  
taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the  
day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected  
nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will  
be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two  
men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two  
women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one  
left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day  
when your master is coming. You may be quite sure  
of this that if the householder had known at what  
time of the night the burglar would come, he would  
have stayed awake and would not have allowed  
anyone to break through the wall of his house.  
Therefore, you too must stand ready because the  
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

# Parish Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

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## Mass Times

Ararat	Sunday 8.30am
Stawell	Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat

## Readings for next Sunday

December 4th  
Second Sunday of Advent Year A  
[Is11:1-10](#)// [Rom15:4-9](#)// [Mt3:1-12](#)

Landsborough	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6pm Vigil Sat
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

Tuesday:	10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
Wednesday:	Aged Care
Thursday:	3.30pm Hopkins
Friday:	11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

## Aged Care Roster

1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	11.15am Eventide
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	11am Lowe St
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	10.30am Garden View
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10am ARVillage

## Stawell Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> - No Mass

## Ararat Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm Memorial Mass for those who have died

## Recent Deaths: Colin Soule

## Anniversaries

Mary Gee, Joseph Zammit, Margaret Harrison, James Rathgeber 1950, Dan Molan 1960, Alfred Murphy 1974, Christopher Ellis 1999, Denis Moylan 2004, Bernard O'Callaghan 2019, Arthur Sinnott, Margaret Stone, James Cochrane, Olive Carter, Helen Vernon, Gerard Mornane 1972, Eileen Murray 1941, Perc Dadswell, Edwin Overington, Pasquale Lembo, Mary Seary 1972, Stanley (Max) Hull 2009, Lesley Hunt, Michael Mullane 1987, Margaret Mercovich, Bradley Preston, Thomas Creenaune, Edward Huddle 1973, Dorothy Seary 1988, Bridget Kelly, Isaac McPherson, Marie Osler 1947, Margaret Peters 1955, Thomas Kennedy, Stanislaus Cronin, William Carter, Klara Pashula, Angus McLean 1981, Mary Tozer 1999

Golden Gate Roster	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov Harry & Anna
	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Libby
	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec Teresa
	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec Jim & Jan
	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Harry & Anna

Lake Bolac Roster	Sat Dec 3 Reader Val Albert// Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan// Cleaning Leaane Breen
	Sat Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> Reader Denise Haslett// Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson
To be confirmed	Sat Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> Reader Jane Higgins// Prayers of Faithful Damain Phillips// Cleaning Team Effort
	Sat Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> Reader Mick Brennan// Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston

Ararat Roster	Sun Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> Facil Rebecca Rodger//Reader Elizabeth Shea//Emin Marg Olle
	Sun Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> Facil Teresa Gemmola// Reader Peter Brennan// Emin Margaret Brennan
	Sun Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> Facil Pat McAloon// Reader Jenny McAloon// Emin Anna Collins
	Sun Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> Facil Cathy McAdie//Reader Pat Lardner//Emin Sister John

**Ararat Working Bee** in Ararat - 2pm Sunday December 18 Parishioners are asked to attend a working bee in the church To prepare for Christmas. Please bring vacuum cleaners and rags.

## Social Night and Carols in Ararat

All parishioners are invited for shared tea and some singing in the Parish Centre on Friday December 23 from 6.30pm. Please bring a plate to share.

**The Stawell CWL** will be selling packets of Christian Christmas cards after Masses – a packet of 10 cards for \$8.00.

### **Ararat Mass for the Dead**

This annual Mass for those who have died will be on Thursday December 1 at 7pm at St Mary's Church. Please bring a plate to share.

**Stawell Inter Church Council** welfare helps those in need in our community all year round. *Christmas* is an especially stressful time for those living on the margins of our society. Last year we distributed Christmas grocery shopping vouchers to 94 households in need, made up of 142 adults, 36 kids aged 14-19 years old and 118 children 13 years and younger. To do this we raised and spent \$8,500. This year we expect the call on us for Christmas help to be even higher. Please help us help those in need celebrate Christmas with less stress.

### **Stawell Inter Church Council**

If you know anyone who needs help this Christmas can you please ask them to come to the Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage in November. 20 Sloane St. Stawell Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm.

**Stawell Community Carols** will be held in Cato Park from 6pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Students from St Pat's primary school will be part of the combined schools choir. As part of this event there will also be an ecumenical choir. They are looking for members. Choir practice will be on Thursdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm in the Uniting Church. Why not come along and help keep Christ in our local Christmas celebration?

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**Stawell Uniting Church** will be holding a Service of loss and remembrance at 2pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Everyone is welcome.

### **Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal**

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

### **St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

### **Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas**

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567

### **CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal**

The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Unemployment, rent prices and mental and physical health issues are just some of the things which can lead to financial crisis. Please help a family in need this Christmas. To donate go to

## The Victorian State Election and the Common Good

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. The documents are available at <https://melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022>

## Advance Notice

**Rite of Election 2023:** Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

**Mass of the Oils 2023:** Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

## Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St Alipius Parish Church, Victoria Street, Ballarat East: Thursday, December 15 at 7.00pm; Friday, December 16 at 7.00pm; Saturday, December 17 at 8.00pm (NB: change of time); Sunday, December 18 at 7.00pm; Monday, December 19 at 7.00pm; Tuesday, December 20 at 7.00pm; Wednesday, December 21 at 7.00pm; Thursday, December 22 at 7.00pm; Friday, December 23 at 7.00pm with a shared Christmas dinner in the hall to follow. If you have any questions/need further information, please contact Fr Eladio, ph. 0450 017 007 or Dion, ph. 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Caritas Australia - Take action on climate change

As climate change damages our homes and land, the impact on our neighbours in the Pacific is extreme. Our voices, together, can get governments and polluters to take action to achieve climate justice and protect our common home. Sign the pledge at <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/climate-change-action/> to support Caritas Australia's climate action campaign.

## Advent with Pope Francis and Laudato Si'

The Laudato Si' Movement, invites you to an Advent retreat guided by the words of Pope Francis and his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the light of the world and of all Creation. The retreat is through the Hozana prayer platform, a space to pray in community globally <https://hozana.org/en/community/11261-advent-with-pope-francis-and-laudato-si>. The theme that will guide the reflections will be "Preparation for the Good News", a pathway for our encounter with God, Jesus Christ, who comes to meet us in Creation. Each week you will be invited to reflect on a specific topic through a short clip of The Letter (the documentary with Pope Francis on *Laudato Si'*), a brief reflection on that topic and a prayer.

## Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

### Reflection by Artist

Matthew's gospel, in this first week of Advent, reminds us to stay alert. The advice is timely since in Advent we are in waiting mode. We await the coming of the kingdom in the person of Jesus and in the fullness of time.

